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**RE:** Finance Docket No. 34421, *HolRail LLC-Petition for Exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 10901 to Construct and Operate a Rail Line in Orangeburg and Dorchester Counties, South Carolina*

Dear Secretary Williams:

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") respectfully requests an extension of time to file a motion to compel a response to discovery until January 9, 2004.

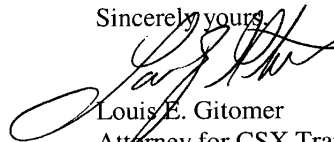
HolRail LLC ("HolRail") filed a Petition for Exemption to construct a rail line on November 13, 2003. Among other pleadings, CSXT filed its First Discovery Requests on December 3, 2003. HolRail responded on December 18, 2003. CSXT understands that pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1114.31(a), that a motion to compel must be filed within 10 days of the response.

In light of the holiday season and several long planned vacations by CSXT personnel involved in this proceeding, CSXT requests an extension to file its motion to compel until January 9, 2004. Counsel for CSXT has discussed this extension with counsel for HolRail. I am authorized to state that HolRail consents to the extension requested by CSXT.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter, and return it to our messenger. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions, call or email me.

Sincerely yours,



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